inter-se priority and availability of fund and there after detailed estimates are sanctioned. In principle approval could not be accorded to the remaining proposals bacause of insufficient fund. In case of Central Road Fund, works up to the sanction ceiling as approved by the Ministry based on *inter-se* priority have been sanctioned. Unapproved CRF proposals have been returned for resubmission based on *inter-se* priority after updating. In case of National Highway (Original), only those works included in the Annual Plan are considered for sanction considering their acceptability from technical parameters and sanction ceiling. Works upto sanction limit have been santioned each year in case of M&R works. Unapproved NH (O) & M&R proposals have been returned to the State PWD.

Development of Mumbai Port

1136. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop port at Mumbai to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Development of Ports is an on-going process kepping in veiw the demands of Maritime Trade. Under the National Maritime Development Programme, a total of 14 Projects have been identified to be taken up for implementation by the year 2011-12 in Mumbai Port, which involve an estimated investment of Rs. 2766.06 crores. These include projects relating to construction/reconstruction of berths jetties, procurement of equipment, rail and road connectivity works etc. With the implementation of these projects, facilities in the Mumbai Port are expected to improve considerably.

Upgradation of highways

1137. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up various programme for modernization and upgradation of highways in the country;